

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A hollow fiber membrane submodule comprising:
a hollow fiber membrane element having a feed fluid inlet,
a feed fluid distribution pipe in communication with the feed fluid inlet, and an
assembly of hollow fiber membranes having selective permeability and disposed
around the feed fluid distribution pipe, wherein both ends of the hollow fiber
membrane assembly are separately fixed with resin, and at least one end of the
hollow fiber membrane assembly is subsequently cut to hollow out the hollow fiber
membranes; and

permeated fluid collectors for collecting permeated fluid flowing from the
opening or openings of the hollow fiber membranes,
the permeated fluid collectors being secured to the hollow fiber membrane element
with removable snaps in a non-continuous manner.

2. (Original) The hollow fiber membrane according to Claim 1,
wherein the hollow fiber membranes having selective permeability are arranged in a
crisscross fashion around the feed fluid distribution pipe in communication with the
feed fluid inlet.

3. (Currently Amended) The hollow fiber membrane according to Claim
~~1 or Claim 2~~, wherein the hollow fiber membranes are reverse osmosis membranes.

4. (Currently Amended) The hollow fiber membrane according to Claim
~~1 any of Claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the snaps are made of resin.

5. (Currently Amended) The hollow fiber membrane according to Claim
~~1 any of Claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the snaps have an impact strength of not less than
2.5 kg•cm/cm, a bending elasticity coefficient of 10,000 to 200,000 kg/cm², and a
tensile strength of not less than 400 kg/cm².

6. (Currently Amended) A hollow fiber membrane module comprising two or more of the hollow fiber membrane submodules according to Claim 1 ~~any of Claims (1) to (5)~~, in a pressure vessel.